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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	<b>Mail Stop Amendment</b>
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Mamoru ASAKAWA et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 3679
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Serial No.: 10/564,153	:	Examiner: David Bochna
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Filed: June 21, 2006	:	<b>Confirmation No. 6104</b>
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For: PIPE JOINT	:	

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ No additional fee is required.

CLAIMS				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 14	- 20	=	0	x 25 =	\$	x 50 =	\$
INDEP 2	- 3	=	0	x 105 =	\$	x 210 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM				+ 185 =	\$	+ 370 =	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 14, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-18 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page seven (7) of this paper.